



Weare Public Library

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Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes Thursday, February 4, 2010

Present: Ray Kelly and Terri Wahnowsky, Trustees; Jill Tacy, Alternate Trustee; Christine Hague, Director.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

New Business: (The following two topics were moved up on the agenda to accommodate visitors.)

Volunteer Policy (Shania Weber)

Shania Weber, a member of the library's Teen Advisory Board, and her father attended the meeting to request permission to volunteer at the library. The WPL Volunteer Policy requires volunteers to be age 16 and over; Shania is 14. After reviewing her resume and asking her some questions, the Trustees voted to make an exception to the policy and allow Shania to volunteer. Dir. Hague said she could keep her busy at least an hour a week mending and shelving books. The Trustees commended Shania on her interest in the library and her willingness to volunteer.

Library Development (Dan Reidy – UNH Cooperative Extension Service)

Dan Reidy came to speak to the Trustees about forming an exploratory committee to assess the needs and wants of the community in a new library. He said the more involved the community is in the master plan, the better. The committee's charge would be to formulate and mail a survey and hold forums asking for input from the residents of Weare on what kind of library they envision for their town. To find committee members, Dan recommended we visit the local clubs and organizations. He suggested we ask teachers and students to be involved too. A Library Trustee should be on the committee and we should ask the Friends of the Library. Dir. Hague prepared a timeline that directs assembling the vision committee in March and April 2010. The Trustees thanked Dan for his time and expertise and agreed to meet with him again once the committee is formed.

Acceptance of Minutes:

Dir. Hague asked for a correction to the Director's Report section of the January 7, 2010 minutes. It should read, "...a department cannot put more money into their gross budget than they ***budgeted*** in the year prior." Chair. Kelly moved to accept the minutes as corrected; Alt. Tacy seconded the motion; all were in favor.

Public Hearing:

There was no public hearing.

Reports:

Director's Report

Dir. Hague's January 2010 report was discussed. Chair. Kelly asked about the grandfather clock. Dir. Hague said Stephen Sanborn and Ken Gregg of Clock Repairing in Sunapee examined the clock and found it to be in good condition for its age, which they figure to be almost 200 years. They since have

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submitted a quote for cleaning and reconditioning which is between \$850 and \$900. The library has \$600 from a donation and some money in building maintenance that could cover the difference.

Toni Gualtiere, Joy Pierce and Kathy Lorenz own certified therapy dogs – that is dogs that will voluntarily help reluctant readers by sitting with them and listening to them read. The program called Ruff Readers will be offered to 1st and 2nd graders who might need extra confidence with their reading. The dogs can listen to children read for a half hour in ten-minute sessions.

Secy. Wahnowsky asked for an explanation of the preservation grant. Dir. Hague said the NH Division of Historic Resources is accepting applications for grants now. To become eligible, we must apply to have the Paige section registered with the state as an historic building. The grant would help us fund the restoration of the outside masonry and windows.

Old Business:

Restoration of Clock

See Director's Report above. The Trustees agreed to restoring the clock and taking the balance of the cost from the building maintenance budget.

Library Goals

Dir. Hague asked for the Trustees to agree on some goals for 2010. They include the floor in the Sawyer Room, the restoration work on the outside of the building, the library development project, update the personnel policy, prepare a new evaluation form and perform evaluations (August), and wage adjustments.

Bookkeeper

A letter of agreement with Diane Lamb was approved and signed by Chair. Kelly.

New Business:

Warrant Deliberation Follow Up

Dir. Hague was interviewed by Dan O'Brien, a reporter for the Union Leader and an article appeared in the paper on Feb. 4 in which he reported that at the Deliberative Session, the director disputed the finance committee's decision to not recommend Warrant Article 15 that asks for funding for extra staff hours at the library.

Nomination of Alternates

Paul Marsh and Terri Wahnowsky

Website Donation

Granite State Telephone is doing a fiber optic upgrade and has indicated an interest in providing the library with high speed internet service.

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Next Meeting

March 4, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.

Terri Wahnowsky
Secretary